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SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF FONMIN MOGWE ON CAPE TOWN SECOND ROUND

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1. CANADIAN PERM REP BARTON AND FRG PERM REP VON WECHMAR,
ACCOMPANIED BY US, UK, AND FRENCH MISOFFS, BRIEFED BOTSWANA
FONMIN MOGWE AND PERM REP THOU ON JUNE 7 ON TALKS IN CAPE
TOWN PER REFTTEL A.

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2. MOGWE RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT WITHDRAWAL OF SAG FORCES,
UN "SUPERVISION AND CONTROL", RELEASE OF NAMIBIAN POLITICAL
PRISONERS, AND SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA'S REACTION TO FIRST
ROUND OF TALKS. MOGWE OBSERVED THAT IF NUJOMA ACCEPTS IDEA
OF FREE ELECTIONS, "THIS IS VERY BIG STEP". HE RECALLED THAT
ON THE DAY THAT THE OAU HAD ACCEPTED SWAPO AS THE SOLE
AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE,

HE HAD OBJECTED; BUT THE SWAPO REP HAD SAID, "THERE ARE MANY PUPPETS", AND THE RESOLUTION HAD PASSED. SINCE THEN, MOGWE SAID, HE HAD TRIED TO LIVE WITH IT. IF SWAPO DIDN'T ACCEPT ELECTIONS, THE SITUATION WOULD BE LIKE MOZAMBIQUE, WHERE FRELIMO WAS INSTALLED WITHOUT ELECTIONS.

3. AMBASSADOR TLOU SAID THAT THE "STRAGGLERS" LIKE NUJOMA HAVE A TENDENCY TO BE PESSIMISTIC. TLOU FOUND IT ENCOURAGING THAT THE FIVE KEEP REPEATING RESOLUTION 385 TO THE SAG, AND ASKED ABOUT THE JURISTS WHO WOULD SORT OUT WHICH NAMIBIAN PRISONERS WERE POLITICAL AND WHICH WERE CRIMINAL (HE SAID HE HAD READ PRESS REPORTS SAYING THAT THIS WAS A SAG IDEA) AND ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE UNTI (THE TAA). MOGWE INTERJECTED TO ASK WHY, IF VORSTER WAS SINCERE, HE DIDN'T DISBAND TURNHALLE. TLOU ASKED IF THE TALKS COLLAPSE, HOW WOULD WEST VOTE ON SANCTIONS? FIVE REPLIED THAT THEY WERE THINKING POSITIVE AT THIS STAGE.

4. MOGWE SAID THAT BOTSWANA WAS A "PASSIVE OBSERVER" IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS, SINCE BOTSWANANS HAD FEW CONTACTS WITH NUJOMA AND FOUND IT HARD TO TRACE HIM. HE LAMENTED THAT ON RHODESIA EVERYONE HAD TO DEAL WITH FOUR NUJOMAS; ACTUALLY FIVE COUNTING SMITH. HE ENDED BY SAYING THAT THE WESTERN FIVE WERE ENGAGED IN A GOOD EXERCISE AND HE WISHED THEM LUCK.
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